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Executive Directors
Regional Transportation Agencies

Dear Executive Directors:

I am pleased to provide a link to the Draft 2020 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Project List for your review and comment. The Draft 2020 SHOPP Project List includes approximately $17.4 billion in projects for fiscal years 2020-21 through 2023-24. The list includes projects carried forward from the 2018 SHOPP.

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-programming/state-highway-operation-protection-program-shopp-minor-program-shopp

In its simplest terms, the SHOPP, consistent with Asset Management, is the State’s fix-it-first program that prioritizes and funds capital projects that protect, preserve and rehabilitate State Highway System (SHS) infrastructure. The Project List is the set of projects which the Department is proposing for the next four years to meet safety, emergency, mandates, and fix-it-first needs. The SHS includes State owned roadways and bridges, and their supporting infrastructure such as culverts, intelligent transportation systems, maintenance stations and other tangible physical assets. Very importantly, the SHOPP also provides capital funding to respond to emergency and safety issues via capital projects. Projects funded by the SHOPP are limited to capital improvements to the SHS that do not add capacity, such as new highway lanes.

The 2020 SHOPP is the first SHOPP to fully implement Asset Management consistent with Senate Bill 486 (DeSaulnier, 2014). New projects being added to the 2020 SHOPP were initiated specifically to achieve asset condition performance targets specified in the State Highway System Management Plan (SHSMP), particularly projects addressing pavement, bridges, culverts and Transportation Management System (TMS) Elements. This SHOPP also purposefully incorporates bicycle, pedestrian and transit features where feasible so that as the State’s fix-it-first investment strategy is implemented, we are also able to make improvements to the transportation system to better meet the needs of all travelers and users of the system.

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Senate Bill 486 requires that the draft SHOPP Project List be made available to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for review and comment prior to the document's submittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) for their adoption and submittal to the Legislature and the Governor no later than April 1 of even-number years.

Recognizing that the Department released the Draft Project List several weeks later than is customary, the comment period is being extended to February 28. The Commission has rescheduled the public hearings regarding the 2020 SHOPP to later dates. Comments provided at those hearings will also be addressed in the final SHOPP.

All comments regarding the Draft 2020 SHOPP Project List that will be submitted outside the SHOPP public hearings held by the California Transportation Commission must be submitted to the Department in writing no later than February 28, 2020 to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/draft2020SHOPP.

Should you need clarification regarding the listed projects or SHOPP comment process, please contact Donna Berry, Office Chief for the SHOPP, Division of Transportation Programming at Donna.Berry@dot.ca.gov.

We apologize for any inconvenience the schedule delay may have caused.

Sincerely,

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